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SUBJ: U.S. INITIATIVE TO RESUME PRODUCERS/CONSUMERS DIALOGUE

REF: (A) STATE 124719; (B) STATE 126216

1. AMBASSADOR HAS APPOINTMENT TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT WITH
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PER INSTRUCTIONS REF (A) JUNE 3.

2. SINCE A MAIN PURPOSE OF APPROACHING GOA IS TO REQUEST
AUSTRALIAN SUPPORT FOR U.S. INITIATIVES, THE QUESTION OF WHERE
AND WHEN SUCH SUPPORT LIKELY TO BE NEEDED ON VARIOUS INDIVIDUAL
PROPOSALS MAY ARISE. IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL, THEREFORE, IN
EMBASSY'S PRESENTATION JUNE 3 AS WELL AS IN SUBSEQUENT
FOLLOW-UP WITH GOA IF DEPARTMENT COULD IDENTIFY MORE SHARPLY
THE FORUM AND/OR THE TIMETABLE WHICH IT VISUALIZES FOR FURTHER
PURSUIT OF THE KEY PROPOSALS ADVANCED IN THE SECRETARY'S IEA
AND OECD SPEECHES.

3. THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION IS, OF COURSE, SELF-EVIDENT FOR
SOME PROPOSALS (E.G. NEGOTIATION OF RULES AND PROCEDURES ON
ACCESS AND MARKETS FOR RAW MATERIALS IN MTN) BUT IN OTHER CASES
THIS IS NOT READILY OBVIOUS TO THOSE NOT CONCENTRATING DIRECTLY
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ON THESE PROJECTS.

4. WE ASSUME THE PROPOSAL FOR A GROUP OF ECONOMISTS TO DEVELOP MEASURES FOR LONG-TERM GROWTH WILL BE PURSUED IN THE OCED AND WOULD WELCOME CONFIRMATION OF THIS ASSUMPTION.

5. IN PARTICULAR, WE WOULD FIND HELPFUL SIMILAR INFORMATION RESPECTING THE PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS ON A GRAIN RESERVES SCHEME, AND THE PORPOSED REVIEW OF MECHANISMS FOR STABILIZING LDC EXPORT EARNINGS.

6. THERE IS ONE OTHER QUESTION ON WHICH WE SHOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE. AUSTRALIA IS, OF COURSE, NOT A MEMBER OF IEA AND WAS NOT A PARTICIPANT IN THE APRIL 7-15 PARIS PREPCON MEETING. WE ASSUME THAT IT WOULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RESUMED PREPCON. WE SHOULD, THEREFORE, WELCOME ANY GUIDANCE ON THE LINE WE SHOULD TAKE WITH GOA AS TO THE PRECISE FORM OF AUSTRALIAN SUPPORT DESIRED FOR THIS PROPOSAL, AT LEAST PRIOR TO THE RECONVENING OF THE PREPCON.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: IF THE DEPARTMENT CAN FURNISH US ANY GUIDANCE ON THESE MATTERS BEFORE OUR JUNE 3 APPOINTMENT (10 PM JUNE 2 WASHINGTON TIME) AT THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THIS WILL BE VERY HEOPFUL. EVEN IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, GUIDANCE ON THESE POINTS WILL BE HELPFUL, WHENEVER IT BECOMES AVAILABLE, FOR OUR CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS WITH THE GOA ON THIS SUBJECT.
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